

TOWN OF FARMINGTON MEETING MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2024
Following Annual Meeting
FARMINGTON TOWN HALL
N8309 County Road C, Mindoro WI, 54644

Attendees: Mike Hesse, Crystal Sbraggia, Paul Lash, Jodi Anderson
Absent: Greg Kastenschmidt

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman, Mike Hesse, called the regular Town Board Meeting to order at 8:35pm.

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve the minutes from February 28, 2024, March 5, 2024, March 13, 2024 and March 19, 2024 meetings. **2/0/0 PASSED**

PUBLIC CONCERNS:

Fire Number sign conditions are becoming a priority. Discussion took place regarding the most efficient way to replace the signs and distribute the cost. No decisions were made.

MINDORO PARK

Fenske shared that the new mower purchased at Hagen's Sales and Service was picked up.

The town crew will be assessing the status of playground equipment at both parks and collecting the quotes for any replacements or repairs.

Fenske will be scheduling one last check-up of the Kubota at Johnson Tractor before warranty is up.

Fenske will not proceed with any further trail work until after a walk-through meeting with the school Cross Country Coaches.

Larry and Dennis have volunteered to do the clearing and grading on the trails.

SANITARY DISTRICT

Brandon Mancilla, representative from William Reid Wastewater Equipment was in attendance to present a Blower Unit that he would like the board to consider. The current unit is over 20 years old, very loud and not energy efficient. The alternative options according to Mancilla would help alleviate such issues and lead to eventual savings.

Board is open to a centrifugal blower update in the future, but Mike would like to discuss implications with Focus on Energy first. Board agreed that Mitch should move forward with a \$6,950 replacement blower to be used as back-up for now.

The bonds for the lift station project will be signed by Hesse and Sbraggia tonight.

Fenske reiterated the potential need for dredging of Pond 2 to eliminate excess sludge. This will likely be needed within next 2 years.

The timing of loan payments and additional new costs that need to be covered until federal monies for the lift station project are received, may result in a pause of payments coming back to the town. Mitch and Cindy will work closely to ensure payments are reactivated as soon as possible.

Mitch will start collecting quotes on fixing pipes in trailer park. It was determined that repairs will only be needed on approximately 40 feet of the pipe.

The plan to obtain water quality trade credits is becoming increasingly difficult. Efforts are being made to identify areas of erosion that appease the DNR, however, the process seems to be very subjective in nature. Mitch requested assistance from the town to help reach residents with property that may potentially match the criteria set forth by the DNR. Fenske and Sbraggia will work to create a poster that will encourage interested residents to reach out to Mitch for consideration.

The town requested that Mitch contact Forrest Lefler at the Village of Melrose to review and update the current mutual aid agreement.

CEMETERY

Mowing has started. No further updates.

ROADS

Mitch has ordered salt for 2025.

Discussion took place regarding roads that need repair. A final list of roads to be included on the 2024 seal coat bid request was created and included the following roads: E. Anderson, J Bryhn, Severson, Rhyme, Liberty, Church, Alley behind Top Dawgs and Wanless Road.

Fenske shared a quote with a total of \$10,304 to replace a culvert on Wenzel Road using 2 – 5-foot culverts. No decision was made.

Fenske plans to rock sections of Radcliffe Road inside Hoeth Forest (each year). Gravel Prices from Milestone Materials have not been received to date. Sbraggia will follow up for 2024 pricing.

EQUIPMENT

EMERGENCY SERVICES

The FD is scheduled for an on-site 2% Dues Audit on April 17, 2024.

RECYCLING & SOLID WASTE

No Updates.

TREASURER REPORT AND CHECKS

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve the March Treasurer Report including receipts 632220-632227. **2/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to approve town checks 23690 to 23723 and previously approved EFT. **2/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Hesse / Lash: Motion to approve Fire Department checks 4758 - 4761. **2/0/0 Passed**

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to approve SD March EFT transactions and checks numbered 5781-5786. **3/0/0 Passed**

OTHER BUSINESS

Mmsp: Lash / Hesse: Motion to adjourn at 10:11pm.